

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

Baudelaire Inc

New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Baudelaire Wises Up To "Time Wise" Training

Client Profile:

Baudelaire Inc. is a supplier of fine European soaps and skin care products. The company, located in Keene, New Hampshire, has 16 employees.

Situation:

Baudelaire wanted to improve its manufacturing operations but did not have the necessary experience to make the envisioned changes. Baudelaire learned that the New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NH MEP), a NIST MEP network affiliate, was offering a full-day Lean 101 "Time Wise" training course to local manufacturers in Keene. Baudelaire sent several employees to the workshop.

Solution:

NH MEP spent an eight-hour day taking Baudelaire through simulations to increase its employees' knowledge by showing them a leaner, more productive manufacturing process. After attending the Lean 101 Time Wise workshop hosted by the NH MEP, this small company was able to go back to the shop floor and immediately start making changes. Baudelaire implemented a 5S program, which improves the physical organization of a company's workspace, and instituted visual signals to identify, package, and ship its diverse product mix. By doing so, the company significantly reduced work-in-process in the production area and improved its throughput times for a marked increase in productivity.

Results:

Reduced work-in-process (WIP).
Reduced throughput times.
Improved productivity.

Testimonial:

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